

## **AMENDMENT**

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SIR:

In response to the Final Rejection dated April 21, 2005, and in conjunction with the RCE filed herewith, please amend the above identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims provided herewith in Attachment A

Remarks to this Amendment are provided herewith in Attachment B.

Abstract from Can J. Microbiol. 37:404-407 (1991) is attached as Appendix 1.

In light of the Amendments and arguments made herein, Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance, and such action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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